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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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I passed on to Governor Stevenson your instruction that no one should talk to the Russians about anything beyond Cuba until the Cuban negotiations are buttoned up. I also reported to him your view that the Coordinating Committee is to confine itself to Cuba, that Mr. McCloy has been instructed to this effect, and that other UN matters of course remain Stevenson's responsibility.

Stevenson asked me to tell you how deeply he appreciated your letter to him.

He also said that the prompt leak by someone in Washington of the report of the second U Thant-Castro meeting had caused great trouble in New York. Apparently the story was based on Stevenson's memcon as sent to Washington. U Thant has now had to issue a denial. All this has produced much irritation in the office of the Secretary General.

He also said that the Turkish delegate had come to see him this morning to express his anxiety over the possibility that the United States might reach some decision concerning the Turkish bases without full prior consultation with the Turkish Government.

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Arthur Schlesinger, jr.

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